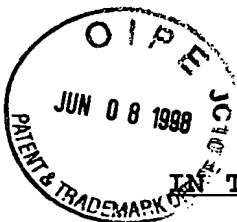


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PATENT APPLICATION

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Application No. or Patent No.: 09/038,562

Filed or Issued: March 11, 1998

For: System and Method for Image Compression and Decompression

Group Art Unit: 2721

Examiner: Not Assigned

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING  
SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 C.F.R. §§1.9(f)  
and 1.27(c)) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

I hereby declare that I am:

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I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled System and Method for Image Compression and Decompression by inventor(s) Hongyang Chao, Howard P. Fisher, Paul S. Fisher and Zeyi Hua described in:

- ( ) the specification filed herewith.
- (X) application number 09/038,562, filed March 11, 1998.
- ( ) Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_.

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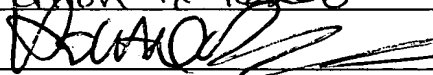
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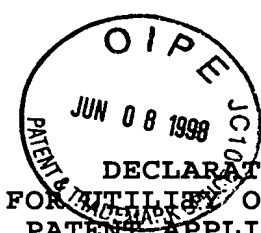
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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IMAGE COMPRESSION AND DECOMPRESSION

(Title of Invention)

the specification of which:

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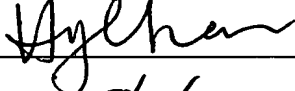
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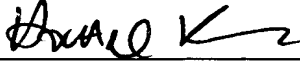
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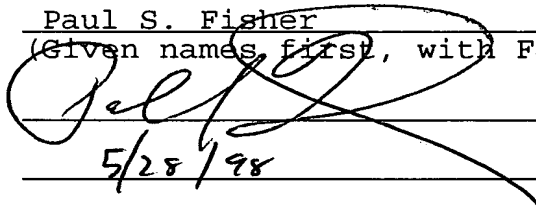
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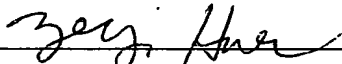
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